जम्मू और कश्मीर में चनाव

1425. **श्री रजनी रंजन साहू :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार निकट भविष्य में जम्मू और कश्मीर में विधान सभा चुनाव कराने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) जम्मू और कश्मीर में आतंकवाद की निरन्तर बढ़ती जा रही घटनाओं से निपटने में सरकार की लगातार असफलता के क्या कारण हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) जी, नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) घाटी में लगातार गंभीर स्थिति बनी रहने के **दो मुख्य कारण हैं :** पहला कारण सीमा पार से निरन्तर मदद मिलती रहना तथा दूसरा कारण बड़ी मात्रा में परिष्कृत शस्त्र और गोला बारूद सहित बड़ी संख्या में वहां प्रशिक्षित आतंकवादियों का उपस्थित रहना है । इन विध्वंसकारी और आतंकवादी गतिविधियों से निपटने के लिये सरकार कड़े उपाय कर रही है ।

Battle between Sinhala Tamils and Sri Lanka Armed Forces

1426. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been Government's reaction to the continued battle of attrition between Sinhala Tamils and Sri Lanka Armed Forces;

(b) whether Government are aware of the hardships that this situation has created for entire populace of Sri Lanka; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to help in the fulfilment of Sinhala Tamil's aspiration and for peace and tranquility in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Government has deplored the continuing spiral of violence caused by the hostilities between the LTTE and Sri Lanka Armed Forces, which has led to untold human suffering, casualties and damage to civilian property in North-East Sri-Lanka. It has also led to a refugee influx of over 118,000 Sri Lankan Tamils to India.

(c) Government of India believes that the devolution package contained in the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement of 1987 provides a viable basis for a peaceful, reasonable and enduring solution to the ethnic problem.

Supply of arms technology and weapons to Pakistan by China

1427. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that China has decided to supply technology for production of arms and weapons to Pakistan at a very cheap cost; if so, what is Government's reaction; and

(b) what is Government doing about it?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have seen a news report that China has agreed to transfer to Pakistan a complete defence technology package at a cost of twenty million US dollars, which is reported to be one-fifth of this cost of the technology on the international market.

Government have, in discussions with the Chinese Government, emphasised that the supply of sophisticated arms techno-